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Application Number	09/403,092
Filing Date	October 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	HOFMANN, ET AL
Art Unit	1645
Examiner Name	R. Zeman
Attorney Docket Number	6909-1919

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Request for Continued Examination Transmittal and Fee authorization (1 page)

Petition for Extension of Time (1 page)

Amendment (15 pages)

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